

Great NEWS

FROM

IRELAND,

Giving an Account of the present State of Affairs there.

In a Letter from *Lisnagarvy*, March 20. 1690.

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7. April. 1690.

OUR *Iniskillin*-Men had a second Brush at *Cavan*, the better to accomplish their Design, rather than go sixteen Miles about, cross'd the River, where they were up to the Arm-pits, and had the full advantage of the Enemy; the Enemy took their old way of running, and betook themselves to the Houses that were unburnt in the former engagement; so that our *Iniskillin*-men burnt the whole Town, where they took Twenty Prisoners, and lost only two Majors in this Action. The General sent a Summons to *Charlemont* by a Drummer, to give them account, That if they would surrender the Garrison, that they should march to *King James*; but if in case they would not, and that they put our Armies to the trouble and charge of drawing our Artillery against them, that then they should make the best Defence for themselves that may be, for he would not give them Quarter. And the General likewise sent them word, That he would not make a *Carrickfergus* business on't. The Governor of *Charlemont*, whose Name is *Teige O Reagan*, made this following Answer, That whenever our General came there, that he would make him welcom with all his Great Guns, and drive our Army into the Sea: He made the Drummer welcom with Bread, Butter, Fish, Beer and Brandy, and cut, eat and drink in the Devils Name to him, for it was good Fare in a Garrison; and told the Drummer it was a Fast day with him, being on *Friday*, otherwise he would give him Flesh. The Drummer said, he lov'd such Fasts; and the Governor desired the Drummer to let him know why he left *King James*. To which he answer'd, That *King James* ran away from him, not he from *King James*. The Governor said, That it was one of *King James's* Coats that the Drummer wore; he answered in the negative, but said, that it was the Queens, for he was one of their Regiment. Then the Governor said that he was a cross Rogue, and that he could not speak a word, but the Rogue took him up; and then saying, Give him one Dram of Brandy more, and let him be gone to his Master with his Message. Since this the Governor of *Charlemont* turn'd all the Women and Children out, as being useless Mouths, and burnt all the adjacent Houses round, being useless when besieged. Now we have three Battering Pieces, and the large Mortar-pieces brought from *Belfast* to *Hillsburr*, where I am apt to believe we shall forthwith go against it; but my opinion is, that our Battering Pieces can do no good against it, but the Mortars must do the Work. They have fill'd up the Bance or Yard with Dung or Earth, fire rak'd and soft, to prevent the execution of our Bombs: They have but three hundred Men in it, and eleven Canons mounted. I have lately seen it, being twenty two Miles off this Town, in the County of *Arden*. So if that little place was taken, we should have eight entire Counties under their Majesties Obedience. Fourteen Irish-men came as Robbers within our Frontiers, but were taken by *Derry*-Men, and brought to this Town, and tryed by a Court Marshal, and found Guilty, and are Sentenc'd to be hang'd, together with four Soldiers that broke up the Magazeen at *Belfast*.

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This day there came one from *Dublin*, that gives an Account that all the Protestants in *Dublin*, *Munster*, and elsewhere, are plundered and stript, nothing being left them; and the best Plunder is sent to *France*; and now since the *Danes* were landed, the Irish pretend all the kindness imaginable to the Protestants; but they plainly refuse their kindness, saying, They can do no more than they have done already, only their Lives, which they are careless of, since they have taken away their Substance, so that they would gladly be in the Protestants favour. He said likewise, That Five Thousand Men could go through *Ireland*; and that the landing of the *Danes* had struck a great terror into the Irish. The Enemies Horse die in abundance, and Men too. The Duke of *Berwick* told King *James*, that he would never Head them again; that is beyond the Art of Man to make them stand; for the Officers standing, and the Soldiers running, makes them lose all their Officers. They never were in a worse condition than now; such a Dread and Fear is in them, that they can't run well; for our *Inniskillin* men make no more to catch them, than an Horse makes to turn a Cow; but our true *Dutch*-men can't run well after them, but calls them, and stay *Min-Heer* and *Whistle*, and rally again, it is a shame for you to run. There is one Troop of *Inniskillin* Horse, commanded by Captain *Kelling*, containing 56 Men, that are not Regimented, but a Flying Party; they are upon account of no Purchase no Pay; they are all chosen brisk Men, and securing several Miles a Night, and bring great store of Cattel, and give little Quarter to the Irish. The Name of the *Danes* put such a Dread, that they run away, so that there is hardly an Irish Man to be seen in these parts. Just now came Dr. *Gorges* Lady from *Dublin* to her Husband, who is the Generals Secretary, and one of King *James's* Captains, who brought several Letters from *Dublin* to be put into the Post-Office to be sent for *England*, none Seal'd till the General saw them, which was admitted, their Letters being of no ill Consequence, but from the Protestants Wives to their Husbands, and such like: The Captains business is to treat about the Prisoners taken at *Cavan*, particularly many of their Officers; and he is now with the General. The General of the Danish Forces has been already waiting on his Grace Duke *Schomberg*. The Irish Proprietors have taken Possession of all the Protestants Lands, whether purchas'd or otherwise. It is generally reported, that there are 5000 French Landed in the South of *Ireland*. Not to enlarge, but my best Regards to all Friends, I rest

Your most affectionate Friend,

Alexander Crumby.

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